

## The Turkish Government Failed to Buy its Way into Europe with the Blood of the Muslims of Al-Sham

### News:

On 13 May 2016, the hypocritical Turkish EU Affairs Minister, Volkan Bozkir, accused the European Union of betraying Turkey, but this is his government's reward for betraying the Muslim refugees at Turkey's south eastern border with Syria. *The Wall Street Journal* posted the story as: "Turkey, EU Dispute Over Antiterror Laws Threatens Migration Deal."

### Comment:

The failing deal between Turkey and Europe is a lesson to all. In the hope of gaining favour with Europe, Erdogan's government committed crimes against refugees trying to escape from Bashar's militias, and these crimes were documented and exposed in detailed reports by the influential *Human Rights Watch* organization last week. A systematic campaign of severe beatings and shootings of those trying to reach safety in Turkey has been in place since March: men, women and children have been massacred without mercy in an ugly new policy, and the timing is no accident. It directly follows a dirty deal agreed between Turkey and Europe, where Turkey will shut-off the flow of refugees into Europe in exchange for Europe opening its borders to Turkey. However, as Erdogan's government sold the blood of Muslims in a cheap deal, so too are European Parliament members backing away from the deal with Turkey that would have granted Turkish citizens the right to visit Europe without a visa!

After the deal was done, and after Turkey spilled the precious blood of the Muslims to the East, the European leaders of the West gathered one after another to betray the betrayer. Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo, the Spanish foreign minister, described the migrant deal with Turkey as a "botched job". Thomas de Maiziere, the German interior minister, told MPs that President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was "not prepared to meet the criteria ... if he does not, there will be no visa-free regime". The criteria referred to by Thomas de Maiziere had nothing to do with the crimes against Muslim refugees that were exposed by *Human Rights Watch*. Rather, it was Erdogan's undemocratic persecution of political opponents that failed the 'criteria'. These criteria were set up by the European Union a long time ago to prevent Turkey from joining the Union, and all politicians understood it, but the Turkish leadership thought that the European Union had been bought by the blood of the Muslims of al-Sham.

All of this: the deal in March, the murder of Muslims and the likely failure of Europe to confirm its part of the deal were preceded in February by Erdogan's threat to Europe: "We can open the doors to Greece and Bulgaria any time and put the refugees on buses", and indeed, after the stalling of the agreement this week, a key Turkish government adviser, Burhan Kuzu, tweeted confirmation about the Muslim blood for visas arrangement: "The European Parliament will discuss the report that will open Europe visa-free for Turkish citizens. If the wrong decision is taken, we will send the refugees". Such is the treachery of the Muslim rulers, but they will taste the fruits of their treachery in this life as well as in the Hereafter.

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